# TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

## **FISCAL NOTE**



## **HB 784**

April 6, 2015

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes a judge to assess costs of a case against a plaintiff in a civil rights action against a local education agency if the case is dismissed for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **NOT SIGNIFICANT**

### Assumptions:

- Under current law, actions brought against the State are excepted from the provision of law allowing a judge to assess costs against a plaintiff.
- It is assumed that most civil rights cases brought against LEAs are not dismissed for failure to state a claim. The bill will not significantly impact state revenue.
- The Administrative Office of the Courts confirms that the bill will not significantly impact its operations.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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